

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

**Whereas**, born on September 1, 1927, into the family of Orbie and Evelyn Harrington of Valliant, Oklahoma, Leolia P. Craig will celebrate her Eightieth Birthday with a gathering of family members and friends at the Green Castle Lions Club building on September 1, 2007; and

**Whereas**, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, the former Leolia Harrington established a family of her own through her joyful marriage to Clarence Merl Craig, now deceased, who loved and cherished her with all of his heart; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Leolia and Clarence Craig has been blessed with wonderful children, Connie Kay Clerkin and Bobby Merl Craig; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Leolia Craig enjoys an excellent reputation as a homemaker and substitute teacher who is a member of Alpha Chapter of Pi Omega Pi; is the cofounder of Green Castle Rural Housing, which she served more many years as president; was a Sullivan County Democratic Committeewoman for nearly forty years; is a fund-raiser for charities; and is a member of Green City Assembly of God Church; and

**Whereas**, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Leolia Craig enjoys a life that encompassed most of the twentieth century with its first flights by heavier-than-air craft, worldwide turmoil associated with World War I and World War II, rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Leolia Craig:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the Eightieth Birthday of Leolia Craig and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Leolia Craig of Green Castle, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rebecca Payne McClanahan  
District No. 2

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker